(c) what other measures are contemplated during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are various measures, programmes and schemes to promote and strengthen the small scale industries sector. They include the continuing schemes as well as some new and recent schemes. A few major new measures to boost the SSI Sector are:

(i) Prime Ministers' Rozgar Yojana has been implemented with effect from October, 1993 to promote and assist in the creation of self-employment opportunities for educated un-employed youths of the country. 2.2 lakh beneficiaries are sought to be assisted under the Scheme during the year 1995-96.

(ii) Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme has been launched from February, 1994 to augment infrastructural facilities in about 50 centres in rural and backward areas.

(iii) A new scheme is under implementation to give financial incentives to those SSI units which acquire ISO-9000 or an equivalent quality certification by reimbursing 50 per cent of the costs of obtaining certification subject to maximum of Rs. 75,000 per unit.

Setting up of units by Sony in India

681. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted a Japanese Company 'Sony Corporation' to set up a fully-owned Japanese enterprise in India, commencing its operaions with an initial investment of US $ 16 Million;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor: and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have approved the proposal of M/s. Sony Corporation, Japan for establishment of a wholly owned subsidiary in India for manufacture of colour TVs and other electronic and telecommunication products/equipment. The proposal envisages foreign direct investment amounting to US $ 16.00 million over a period of 3 years.

Revival programme for TAFCO

682. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TAFCO has made out detailed revival programme of late;

(b) whether Government are still considering to assist the company; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) TAFCO had submitted a fresh revival proposal after BIFR issued Show Cause Notice for winding up of the company during January, 1994. The proposal was however, not found viable by the Operating Agency and BIFR has subsequently confirmed its earlier recommendations for winding up of the Company.

(b) and (c) Government has been releasing non-plan funds to assist the company in meeting its urgent requirements including salary and wages of its employees. Government had released Rs. 575.00 lakhs, Rs. 550.00 lakhs and Rs. 479.74 lakhs during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto February, 1995) respectively for this purpose.